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SUBJ: SADAT VISIT TO ALGIERS

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S OVERNIGHT VISIT TO
ALGIERS JANUARY 21-22 WERE FOUR HOURS OF TALKS WITH
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND SADAT'S PRESS CONFERENCE JAN. 22
(FBIS CARRIES PARTIAL TEXT). SADAT AFFIRMED TO PRESS:
(A) THAT NEXT STEP IS DISENGAGEMENT ON SYRIAN FRONT; (B)
THAT PARTICIPATION OF A PALESTINIAN DELEGATION AT
GENEVA IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE FOR EGYPT ; AND (C) THAT
EFFORTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WERE VITAL TO DIS-
ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND THAT U.S., WHILE RESPECTING
ITS COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN BALANCE OF FORCES IN ISRAEL'S
FAVOR, HAS ADOPTED NEW POLICY TOWARD ME.

2. LOCAL DIPLOMATS ARE INTERPRETING SADAT'S LATTER
STATEMENT AS EGYPTIAN ENDORSEMENT FOR LIFTING OIL EMBARGO
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AGAINST US EVEN THOUGH WHAT SADAT ACTUALLY SAID WAS THAT

THIS DECISION WOULD BE UP TO ARAB OIL PRODUCING STATES
THEMSELVES. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR NAGUIB HAMED EL SADR,
SEEMED PLEASED WITH VISIT WHEN I SAW HIM ON EVENING OF
SADAT'S DEPARTURE, BUT HE OFFERED NO DETAILS. EL SADR,
WHO HAS BEEN IN ALGIERS OVER FIVE YEARS AND IS DEAN OF
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING SHORTLY TO
EXCHANGE POSITIONS WITH PRESENT UNDERSECRETARY
RESPONSIBLE FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA IN EGYPTIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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